

### ***District Work Period Update***

The Congressional District Work Period surrounding the Holidays gave Congressman Mitchell another opportunity to meet with residents of his district, hear their concerns, and update them on his work in Washington. While he returns home every weekend, the District Work Period gave him time to spend a several weeks traveling across the district.

Below you will recent news coverage and highlights from the recent District Work Period:

#### **Media Appearances:**

##### **[Mitchell on air scare, health care, borders](#)**

#### ***Arizona Republic 1/13/10***

In a meeting with the Arizona Republic's editorial board, Congressman Mitchell discussed the attempted Christmas Day bombing of an airliner bound for Detroit, the health insurance reform bill, immigration and upcoming elections.

##### **[Sunday Appearance on Channel 12](#)**

#### **KPNX 1/10/10**

Anchor Joe Dana sits down with Democratic Congressman Harry Mitchell to discuss healthcare

reform, jobs and the mortgage industry crisis.

### [Appearance on Horizon](#)

**KAET 1/7/10**

Congressman Mitchell talks about the latest issues facing Congress, including health care reform and security issues.

**Op-eds:**

### [Federal funds helped to launch Gateway airport](#)

***East Valley Tribune 1/9/10***

**Joint Op-ed with Mesa Mayor Scott Smith**

As Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport officials celebrate 1 million total passengers in just two short years of scheduled passenger service, it is obvious that investing in infrastructure development at the burgeoning airport is a good idea.

### [Both sides must work together for a fair tax code](#)

***Phoenix Business Journal 1/08/10***

As Congress prepares to begin this year's legislative session, clearly strengthening the economy and creating jobs must continue to be our top priority. I believe that begins with a more fair and predicable tax code.

## **In the Community:**

### **[Scottsdale Chamber offers tips for small businesses](#)**

***Phoenix Business Journal 1/08/10***

The Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce will host a First Friday Airpark breakfast aimed at offering business tips and strategies for small business owners and entrepreneurs. U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell, D-Tempe, will be the featured speaker in addition to representatives from the Small Business Administration, the Internal Revenue Service and local bankers.

### **[Mitchell Volunteers at St. Mary's Food Bank to Raise Awareness Following the Holidays](#)**

**12/30/09**

U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell visited the main warehouse of St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance today to help raise awareness of the demand that food banks and other charitable organizations are facing following the holiday season.

### **['On the front lines' AIPAC draws 1,200 Israel supporters](#)**

***Jewish News of Greater Phoenix 12/18/09***

Iran's nuclear threat to Israel was the overwhelming focus of this year's AIPAC breakfast, held Dec. 13 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa in Phoenix. Several Arizona politicians who spoke addressed the issue, as did keynote speaker Rabbi Daniel Gordis, who told the 1,200 guests that they were "the latest on the front lines" to fight against forces seeking to undermine the state of Israel.

## **Recognitions:**

### **[Commentary: Most influential Arizonans of the decade](#)**

#### ***Arizona Capitol Times 12/23/09***

The Arizona Capitol Times named Congressman Harry Mitchell one of the 10 most influential Arizonans of the Decade in a piece written by Daniel Scarpinato. He writes, "A Blue Dog, Mitchell often sides with Republicans on spending issues...most expect Mitchell to prevail. But if and when he retires, Democrats are unlikely to find anyone else with Mitchell's non-partisan aura who can carry the district."

### **[Decade in Review: Valley Newsmakers: Harry Mitchell](#)**

#### ***Arizona Republic 12/4/09***

This Arizona Republic highlighted Congressman Harry Mitchell in its Decade in Review, 2000-2009: Valley Newsmakers section. The Republic writes, "Mitchell was known in Arizona for his consensus-building skills and his dedication to local concerns and put those traits to work in the nation's capital."

## **Fiscal Responsibility:**

**Mitchell: Congress Should Follow Chief Justice's Lead on Pay Raise**

**1/4/10**

U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell today commended a decision by U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Roberts to break tradition and not request a pay raise for federal judges for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011. Mitchell, who has proposed a bill to block a pay raise for Members of Congress in FY 2011, says Congress should follow suit.